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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'TANTALIZING RED'

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is
10 'TANTALIZING RED'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I
15 am aware, is its attractive red flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding
20 propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural 10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during November.

PLANT

15	Form:	Upright
	Growth:	Vigorous, non-uniform
	Size:	Height about 6 feet; width about 3 feet
	Foliage	
20	Size:	Length about 2 1/2 inches; width about 1 3/4 inches
	Quantity:	About 7
	Color	
25	New foliage:	Upper side near 146A; under side near 182B
	Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
	Shape:	Elliptic
30	Texture	
	Upper side:	Smooth
	Under side:	Matte
	Edge:	Serrated
35	Serration:	Slight

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5 Petioles: Top surface color near 144B;
Under side near 144A
Stipules: Normal
Auricle: Alan shaped
Rachis: Smooth
Variegation: Slight
10 Veination: None observed

WOOD

15 New shoots
Bark: Smooth
Wood: Near 60A
Old wood
Bark: Smooth
Wood: Near 146B
20 Flowering stem: Length about 6 inches
Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy
Resistance to Disease: Average
Temperature range: Between 16° and 120° F
Internode spacing: Regular
25 Preferred growing conditions: Full sun
Growth habit: Upright
Leaves per stem: About 7

30 FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

Blooming Habit: Recurrent
Bud About 1 3/16 inch
Form: High centered classic rose form
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	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 60A; when sepals first divide color near 60C; when petals begin to unfurl color near 63B
5	Sepals:	Pointed on ends; regular appearance
10	Size:	Length in relation to bud, about 1 3/8 inches
	Color	Topside near 158B; bottom near 144C
15	Peduncle	
	Length:	About 1 3/4 inches
	Strength:	Firm
	Color:	Near 59C
20	Flower	
	Size:	About 5 inches
	Borne:	Singly
	Form:	High centered
	Petalage:	About 38
25	Petaloids in center:	Few
	Persistence:	Strong
	Fragrance:	Slight
	Lasting Quality:	About 3 weeks on plant; about 6 days after cutting
30	Color	
	During first 2 days:	Inner petals at flower center topside near 65B; bottom near 65C; outer petals topside near 65B, bottom near 65C
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5 Base of petals
(Point of attachment): Near 158B
General tonality from a distance: Near 65B
Color Change: As bloom ages, fades slight to near 65C; after 3 or more days, about the same
10 General tonality from a distance: Dark red even after 3 or more days
15 Petals
Texture: Soft
Shape: Wider than long
Arrangement: Normal
Appearance: Satiny
20 REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS
Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers: Regularly arranged around styles
Color: Filaments near 162B; Anthers near 158B
25 Styles: Thin
Stigmas: Color near 158D
Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries
Shape: Round
30 Size: About 1/2 inch
Color: Near 144A
Seeds: No seeds observed